

Hi, I am Jon White.

I run a small ISP in rural Arkansas. We work very hard to provide a quality service to our customers, putting in many late nights and weekends, and always sacrificing the large paycheck to invest back into the business. By investing in our business, we also invest in the community. One of the biggest obstacles to profitability in our business, is the high rates that we are charged for lines from the Telco.

Our main focus is to begin offering wireless broadband access, bypassing the phone company entirely. I recently heard about 02-33 and was shocked by the thought of being lumped in with the Telco, and being taxed to basically subsidize their business.

The Internet industry as we currently know it was built by pioneers and small businesses. The Telephone companies only begin taking serious notice, and getting in on the bandwagon, after the small first come businesses had developed most of the technology, protocols, and customer interest.

Our customers depend on our local presence and support to reach the full potential of what the technology brings. This level of caring and service can never be accomplished by the faceless phone company.

Help us stay in business and top help our rural areas grow and develop.

In closing, I respectfully ask that you carefully consider this proposal before you and support small-town local businesses by not imposing any unfair fees, or taxes.

Thank you,

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